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SUBJECT: TERRORIST ACTIVITIES, ARGENTINA

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 0830, FEB 7, ANTONIO MUSCAT, MANAGER OF ALBA PAINT COMPANY A SUBSIDIARY OF BUNGE AND BORN, WAS INTERCEPTED AND KILLED WHILE ENROUTE TO WORK. FOUR UNIDENTIFIED YOUTHS IN A RED, LATE MODEL FORD FALCON DISGUISED AS A POLICE VEHICLE WITH SIREN STOPPED MUSCAT'S VEHICLE AND THREW A TEAR GAS BOMB INSIDE CAUSING MUSCAT AND HIS 20 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER ALSO IN THE CAR TO FLEE ON FOOT. MUSCAT WAS CUT DOWN BY MACHINE GUN FIRES BUT DIED OF SHOTS FIRED FROM A HAND GUN BY ONE OF THE YOUTHS. NEWS AGENCIES RECEIVED VARIOUS ANONYMOUS CALLS CLAIMING ERP IS TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INCIDENT.

2. IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT IN QUILMES, CARLOS AUGUSTO GOGUEI, AN EXECUTIVE OF THE SAIAR COMPANY (HEATER MFG CO) WAS KIDNAPPED BY A GROUP OF ARMED YOUTHS. THE MONTONEROS LEFT HANDBILLS CLAIMING CREDIT

FOR THE KIDNAPPING DEMANDING A TWO HUNDRED MILLION PESO RANSOM (\$200,000) AND IMPROVED WORKING CONDITIONS AT THE SAIAR.

RSO COMMENT. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE ASSASSINATION OF MUSCAT WAS PART OF THE FULFILLMENT OF AN EARLY JAN 75 PROCLAMATION IN "EL COMBATIENTE" THAT A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL, MEMBER OF ARMED
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FORCES OR ARGENTINE BUSINESS EXECUTIVE WOULD BE ASSASSINATED

ON A RANDOM BASIS FOR EVERY "COMPANERO" KILLED BY GOVERNMENT FORCES.

NEWS MEDIA REVEALED THEY HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT PRIOR TO MUSCAT'S ASSASSINATION HE HAD RECEIVED NUMEROUS THREATENING TELEPHONE CALLS AND HAD BEEN FOLLOWED ON OCCASION.
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